

PERSONAL AND PECULIAR.

The old curiosity shop which Dickens made famous has been torn down.

The Santa Fe Railroad has just appointed a full-blooded Indian as station agent at Wilmore, Kan.

On December 31, 1896, there were open in Russia 25,756 miles of railway, of which 5,034 miles were double lines.

Pumice stone lifeboats, which have been satisfactorily tried in England, support a considerable load when full of water.

The savings banks of New York State have 36,000 more depositors and \$26,000,000 more deposits than they had a year ago.

Because this year's harvest in Italy has been poor the price of bread has been raised in Rome and in several other cities in Italy.

Although only three years old, the village of Buffalo Centre, Minn., has a population of 1,000, a \$12,000 hotel and a \$15,000 school house.

The Government of Corea has announced that the ports of Chensu and Mokpu will be opened for foreign trade from and after October 1, 1897.

It is exactly 200 years since the cities of France have been lighted at night, though Chief of Police La Reynie had caused lanterns to be used regularly in Paris 30 years before.

Garibaldi's tomb in the Island of Capri was visited by the Prince of Naples recently, who deposited a wreath on it and left the island before the inhabitants knew of his coming.

When one falls asleep, the order of surrender to the spell is: Sight, taste, smell, hearing, touch. The sense of touch is the lightest sleeper and most easily awakened, then hearing, then sight, while sluggard taste and smell waken last.

DR. BAILEY'S DEATH.

Deceased Was at One Time Resident at Kahului.

In the Santa Cruz (Cal.) Penny Press of August 25, 1897, kindly loaned by Mr. Clarence White, is contained the sad news of the death of Dr. A. H. Bailey, presumably from apoplexy. Following is part of the account, containing a reference to his residence in these islands:

"Dr. A. H. Bailey was a Native Son of the Golden West, born in Placer County in 1855. He came to Santa Cruz with his parents, Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Bailey, when but 3 years of age, and was one of the first coterie of Santa Cruz young men who received their early education in the public schools.

"He early exhibited a preference for the profession of his father, and after studying in his father's office he attended the Cooper Medical Institute for two years, and graduated from the Hospital College of Medicine in St. Louis in 1883.

"His father was then in the Hawaiian Islands, and Dr. Bailey joined him at Kahului, Maui. He was married on the Islands to Miss Mollie Nelson of New Hampshire, who died four years afterwards, leaving to his care a little baby girl. He then returned to Santa Cruz for a season. In the meantime his father had returned to this place, and died shortly afterwards.

"Dr. Bailey again visited the Islands, and after settling up his business there, came back to Santa Cruz in 1889 and engaged in the practice of his profession here."

To the people in this city who knew Dr. Bailey the news is most sad indeed, for deceased succeeded in making of them the staunchest of friends by his straightforward manner of carrying himself in both his professional and social life.

ARGONAUT LINE.

Five New Steamers to be Built Within 15 Months.

A line of sailing vessels, to be followed up by a steamship service, was inaugurated by the recent chartering of the ship *Iroquois*, 1,997 tons, which after taking a portion of her cargo at Perth Amboy, proceeded to Philadelphia, where she will complete loading for San Francisco, says the New York Maritime Register. The new line was started by the Atlantic and Pacific Transportation Company of New York and Philadelphia, and is said to be strongly supported. It will be known as the Argonaut Line. Mr. Frank F. Landstreet is the President and Mr. Henry D. Walls of New York is the General Manager of the company. He is well known in New York from his connection with the Ward Line of steamers. Fred W. Taylor of C. M. Taylor's Sons will be the General Manager at Philadelphia, where the vessels will load at the Philadelphia and Reading Railway piers at Port Richmond. The Johnson-Locke Mercantile Company of San Francisco will act as agents for the line on the Pacific Coast. It is reported that within a very short time the lines for five steamers for the line will be laid down, and that they will be completed within 15 months, and supercede the pioneer sailing vessels. We understand that the *Iroquois* will be followed by the *Indiana*, 1,413 tons, and the *Reaper*, 1,358 tons. In addition to the vessels which will run to San Francisco, others will be put on for Portland, Ore., and Los Angeles, Cal. The ship *Tacoma*, 1,672 tons, now at Philadelphia, will be the first vessel of the line to load for Portland and other vessels will load for Honolulu, etc., in due time.

Trials of Percy Edwards.

MR. EDITOR:—When the "United Brotherhood of the South Sea Islands," on board of the *Percy Edwards*, arrived at Levuka (Fiji group), they found that all was not as supposed, and also that it was necessary to interview the Governor at Suva (the capital) before any landing could be made, except as to individuals.

A committee, therefore, proceeded to the capital, and after being given every facility the authorities could give, and being unfitted for the labor of the country, the expedition went to pieces. Some 23 getting off at Levuka, having

made arrangements to work a banana plantation "on shares;" some 25 made a similar arrangement at Suva, the balance of the party sailed away in the brig *Percy Edwards* for Auckland to try and turn her into cash. A division of stores, etc., was made at Suva and each man got his share of provisions. Those who remained in the country sold their arms, consisting of Winchester rifles, a rifle and 50 rounds of ammunition for \$10; they could not land them without paying a duty of, I think, \$5 each rifle.

But previous to the general breaking up of the party, a notice was served on the captain of the vessel that they were "forbidden to land on any island under the protection of the British flag without first obtaining permission from the High Commissioner, under penalty of seizure and confiscation of vessel and cargo, and punishment of the trespassers." This notice was served by an officer of the Royalist, an English man-of-war. The Solomon Islands are one-half German and the other half English spheres.

When the *Sophia Sutherland* arrives at any port in the South Seas she will find that the news of the fitting out has already preceded her and an English or German man-of-war ready to escort her out of the South Seas, and without much ceremony.

Twenty years ago the scheme might have been feasible, but today the islands are pre-empted.

That there is gold in the Fiji Islands is true, and it cost the Government some \$3,000 an ounce for all they found, having imported experts from the Colonies to look the matter up. "Gun fighters and men who shoot at the drop of the hat" will find no opportunity of exercising their skill on the Solomon Islanders.

JOHN M. DAVIS.

The Italian bark *Fiducia*, Captain Razeto, from Pascagoula, on June 4th for Marseilles, was spoken on August 16th in lat. 36, lon. 4, and reported having been boarded on August 15th abreast of Cape Baba by 14 pirates, who fired on the crew, ransacked the vessel, stole the papers, charts, instruments, provisions and the clothing of the crew, cut the running-gear and carried off the captain, boatswain and a seaman. The *Fiducia* was supplied with provisions and instruments by a passing vessel, and was thus enabled to proceed. Several vessels in the past few years have been boarded by pirates in this vicinity, and as the warship of today is so distinguished from any vessel in the merchant service, there is hardly any chance of catching the perpetrators of such daring acts.

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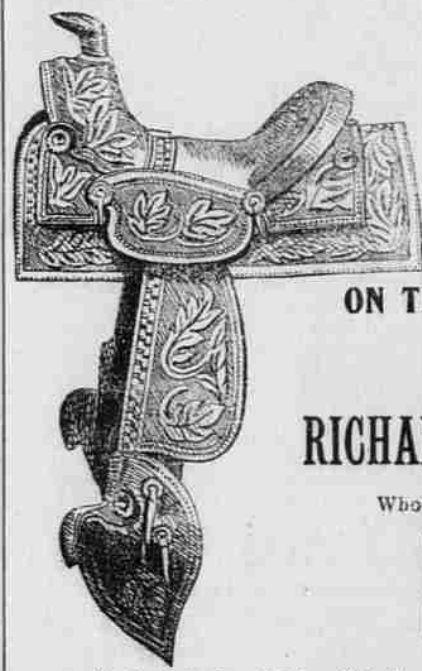
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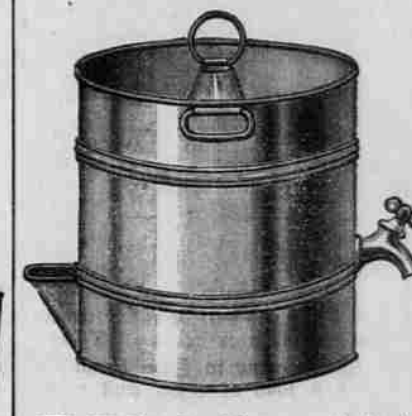
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